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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazunari ERA

Group Art Unit: 2624

Application No.: 10/525,033

Examiner: W. TUCKER

Filed: February 17, 2005

Docket No.: 122510

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A STEREOGRAPHIC IMAGE

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD  
OF THE SUBSTANCE OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

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Sir:

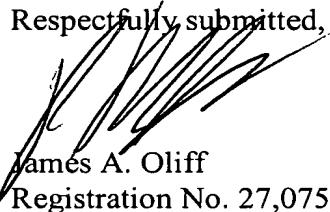
Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Tucker at the March 2 personal interview. Applicant's Separates Record of the Substance of the Personal Interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the personal interview, Applicant traversed the rejection of independent claims 18, 29 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Murata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,445,833, hereinafter "Murata") and Isao et al. (JP 2002-123842, hereinafter "Isao"). Applicant's arguments paralleled the arguments asserted in the Amendment filed on January 29, 2009.

As agreed during the personal interview, Murata and Isao do not teach or suggest "in a calculating step, a Z-value of each target pixel is obtained by adding predetermined weights to color components of image data of the target pixel," as recited in independent claim 18, and similarly recited in independent claims 29 and 34.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, independent claims 18, 29 and 34 define patentable subject matter. Claims 20, 22, 24, 25, 28, 30 and 33 depend from independent claims 18 and 29, respectively, and therefore also define patentable subject matter for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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